(b) if so, the number of airports where the CISF personnel have already been posted; and

(c) by when all the airports will have CISF personnel posted there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) A decision has been taken for induction of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at 61 operational airports in the country. CISF has already been deployed at 38 airports, and is being inducted at the remaining airports in a phased manner.

Extra fare for overweight passengers

53. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines propose to implement policy of charging extra fares to overweight passengers like other foreign airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatization of airports at metro cities

54. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to privatize airports at four metro cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of parties which have shown interest to take over the management of these airports; and

(c) what are the main conditions in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK):-(a) The Government of India on 12-01-2000 has approved in principle the restructuring of airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term leasing route. In the first instance, the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up under this exercise.

(b) and (c) The names of the parties interested to take over the management of these airports and the conditions in this regard will emerge only after the receipt of Expression of Interest (EoI) in the bidding process.

Facilities at Hyderabad Airport

55. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status of major passenger facilities upgradation works started by Airports Authority of India at Hyderabad Airport recently; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon and the details of facilities upgraded so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India has taken up the following upgradation works for passenger facilities at a total cost of Rs. 542.77 lakhs at Hyderabad airport. The works which are already completed are as follows :—

Replacement of flooring with vitrified tiles in the ground floor of Rajiv Gandhi Terminal (International); extension of conveyor belts at ground floor of international arrivals; installation of feeder conveyor belts at international departures; air-conditioning of Domestic Terminal; and replacement of new Baggage Trolleys.

The following works are in progress :—

Flooring with vitrified tiles in the first floor of Rajiv Gandhi Terminal (International) expected to be completed by November, 2002; provision of Canopy on city side for domestic terminal; and expansion of car park area expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Varying levies of liquor

56. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that in addition to excise duties the Indian Made Foreign Liquor is subjected to several widely varying levies, duties and packaging and labelling regulations imposed by the various State Governments;